THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) 31 coal based power projects having a total capacity of 22806 MW are proposed to be started in the country.

(b) and (c) Suratgarh TPS Stage-II (2×250 MW) is proposed to be started in Rajasthan, the details of which are given below:—

Name of Project	Capacity (MW)	Date of Techno-Economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority	Estimated completed cost of the Project
Suratgasrh TPs Stage-II District : Sriganganagar	2×250 MW	9.7.1999	Rs. 2057.62 Croes.

Incidents of atrocities against SCs/STs

†*152. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of atrocities on the people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have increased since previous years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the atrocities especially in the context of murder and arson inflicted on these people during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) what action is being taken by the Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) According to the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

National Crime Records Bureau, the incidence of crimes committed against the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last 5 years was as under:—

Year	Incidents of atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Schedule Tribes	
1995	32996	5498
1996	31440	4973
1997	27944	4644
1998	25638	4276
1999	25089	4454

State-wise details in this regard are given in the Annexure.[*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 17] It will be seen that there has been an overall decline in the number of incidents.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Howerver, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Enquiry into the death of two Major Generals

*153. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Major Generals succumbed to death at Army Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi due to wrong line of treatment administered on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have instituted a court of enquiry; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?